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REPORT ON RENAMING "AVENUE N" IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WITH THE DUAL NAME OF R. LEE ERMEY WITH AVENUE N IN PARENTHESES (AGENDA OF JULY 31, 2018, ITEM NO. 50-B)

On July 31, 2018, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directed the Director of Planning and other relevant Departments to commence the process of renaming the County portions of Avenue N, in the Antelope Valley, as "R. Lee Ermey Avenue" with Avenue N in parentheses and coordinate with the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale on a joint approval process; and report back to the Board in 30 days with a timeline and recommendations on how to complete the renaming process.

RECOMMENDATION

Street Naming Committee (SNC) staff recommends that the Board, in conjunction with the cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, assign all Avenue N street segments, the dual name of "R. Lee Ermey Avenue" with Avenue N in parentheses.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSIONS

In May 2018, the City of Palmdale approached the SNC with a proposal for renaming Avenue N, in the Antelope Valley, as "R. Lee Ermey Avenue". SNC representatives responded to Palmdale city representatives directing them to the County's online website http://planning.lacounty.gov/street_naming for documents to assist them with this process.

At that time, SNC members suggested that the road be renamed rather than receiving a dual name. This centered around issues that were discovered in existing datasets where the dual naming process has been used in the Antelope Valley in the past.

Concerns regarding street naming issues go beyond just simple addressing; they center around potential public safety issues that could arise in the response time for 911 calls.

In response to these concerns, Palmdale city representatives proposed giving "Avenue N" the dual name of "R. Lee Ermey Avenue" with Avenue N in parentheses. This would be done to forgo the need for residents or businesses to have to deal with a permanent address change.

It was then determined that Avenue N bisects County areas and areas within the jurisdiction of Lancaster. To address this, SNC members along with the City of Palmdale representatives determined that all existing segments of Avenue N be assigned the proposed dual name. Additionally, the SNC recommends that all future portions of Avenue N that are added (paved) are done so with the same name "R. Lee Ermey Avenue" with Avenue N in parentheses. ****

CURRENT STATUS

On August 15, 2018, the SNC received documents from the City of Palmdale showing that the City Council had adopted a resolution (CC 2018-057) on August 7, 2018 that Avenue N be given the dual name of "R. Lee Ermey Avenue" with Avenue N in parentheses. Within this document, SNC members discovered that the dual name proposal was only for that stretch of road extending from Sierra Highway, west, to Agena Road. This includes a small portion of EAST Avenue N (currently misnamed as WEST Avenue N) and all of W Avenue N.

PALMDALE STATUS

- Passed, Approved and Adopted a City Resolution to rename Avenue N to "R. Lee Ermey Avenue" with Avenue N in parentheses - **COMPLETED on August 14, 2018**
- Palmdale will replace 13 signal signs, \$400 each for a total of \$5,200
- Palmdale will replace 21 small road signs, \$100 each for a total of \$2,100
- Palmdale has been working with Caltrans to complete an encroachment permit to update Antelope Valley Frwy/State Route 14 freeway signs – six signs need to be updated, total cost of \$65,000, to be paid by the City of Palmdale
- The City of Palmdale will be responsible for sections of Avenue N between
 - 52th St. W. (westward) to Agena Rd. (both sides of street)
 - 45th St. W. (westward) to 52th St. W. (south side of street)
 - Sierra Hwy. (westward) to Antelope Valley Frwy. (south side of street)
 - 40th St. E. (eastward) to eastern edge of parcel number 3025050270 (both sides of street)
 - 100th St. E. (eastward) to 120th St. E. (both sides of street)
- **PENDING the County's decision, if the County chooses to apply the dual name to all of Avenue N within its jurisdiction, the City of Palmdale will follow up by adopting an additional resolution to rename**

all remaining Avenue N sections within their jurisdiction. Those sections are

- 40th St. E. to 45th St. E.
- 100th St. E. to 120th St. E.

LANCASTER STATUS

- In discussions with the City of Lancaster, the Development Services Department has indicated that they are waiting to receive approval from the City of Palmdale (**DONE**) and from the County (**PENDING**) to commence the name changing process for the small portion of Avenue N within their jurisdiction
- Lancaster will replace signs at 40th St W and 42nd St W, cost is \$50 each
- Lancaster will replace one Avenue N sign, cost is \$100 each
- Total cost is approximately \$300
- The City of Lancaster will be responsible for sections of Avenue N between
 - 30th St. W. (westward) to 45th St. W. (north side of street)

COUNTY STATUS

- **PENDING** the County's decision (if the County decides to assign the dual name to all of Avenue N), the City of Palmdale will follow up by adopting an additional resolution to assign the dual name to all of Avenue N within their jurisdiction
- If the County chooses to rename **ONLY** that section from Sierra Highway, west, to Agena Rd., cost will be **\$10,650**
- If the County does the **entire unincorporated** area with Avenue N, cost will be **\$18,600**
- Approximately 2 weeks to 30 days to fabricate signs and 2 weeks to install
- The County will be responsible for sections of Avenue N between
 - 45th St. W. (westward) to 52th St. W. (north side of street)
 - 30th St. W. (westward) to 45th St. W. (south side of street)
 - Antelope Valley Frwy. (westward) to 30th St. W. (both sides of street)
 - Eastern edge of parcel number 3025050270 (eastward) to 100th St. E (both sides of street)
 - 120th St. E. (eastward) to the County Boundary (both sides of street)
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